

Amendments to the Claims:

The following claims will replace all prior versions of the claims in this application (in the unlikely event that no claims follow herein, the previously pending claims will remain):

1. (Previously Presented) An agrochemical composition which includes an agrochemically active compound and a compound of the formula (I):



where

R^1 is polyhydroxy hydrocarbyl;

R^2 is H, or hydrocarbyl, hydroxyalkyl or alkoxyalkyl, or is a group as defined for R^1 ;

X^1 is N; $N^+ \rightarrow O^-$; N^+R^{4+} where R^{4+} is C_1 to C_6 hydrocarbyl carrying an anionic substituent; or $N^+R^5An^-$ where R^5 is a C_1 to C_{22} hydrocarbyl group, a C_2 to C_6 hydroxy alkyl group or a C_1 to C_6 alkoxy- C_1 to C_6 -alkyl group and An^- is a charge balancing anion;

Link is a linking group of the formula: $-\text{CH}_2 - \text{CHOH} - X^2 -$

where X^2 is

a direct bond; $-\text{CH}_2 - \text{O}-$; $-\text{CH}_2 - \text{N}(R^6)-$; $-\text{CH}_2 - (\text{OA})_p - \text{O}-$; or $\text{CH}_2 - (\text{OA})_p - \text{N}(R^7)$;

where

OA is an oxyalkylene residue;

p is from 1 to 100;

R^6 is H; C_2 to C_8 hydrocarbyl; or

a group $R^1 - (R^2)X^1 - \text{CH}_2 - \text{CHOH} - \text{CH}_2 -$ where R^1 , R^2 and X^1 are as defined above; and

R^7 is H; C_1 to C_8 hydrocarbyl;

or a group $R^1 - (R^2)X^1 - \text{CH}_2 - \text{CHOH} - \text{CH}_2 - (\text{OA})_p -$ where R^1 , R^2 , X^1 , OA and p are as defined above; and

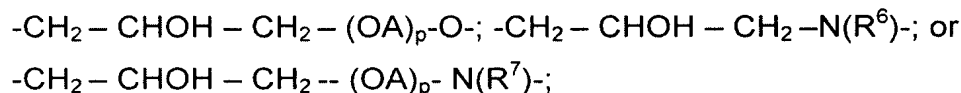
R^3 is C_6 - C_{30} hydrocarbyl.

2. (Currently Amended) A composition as claimed in ~~claim 4~~ claim 30, wherein R^1 is a polyhydroxy alkyl group having a linear C_4 to C_7 chain and at least three hydroxyl groups directly bonded to chain carbon atoms.
3. (Original) A composition as claimed in claim 2 wherein R^1 is a group of the formula:
 $-CH_2 - (CHOH)_4 - CH_2OH$.
4. (Currently Amended) A composition as claimed in ~~claim 4~~ claim 30, wherein R^2 is an alkyl, hydroxyalkyl or alkoxyalkyl group, R^5 is an alkyl, hydroxyalkyl, alkoxyalkyl or aralkyl, An^+ is an alkali metal or ammonium ion, R^6 and R^7 are each independently alkyl or alkenyl groups and R^3 is a C_{10} to C_{30} alkyl, alkenyl, alkaryl, aryl or aralkyl group.
5. (Currently Amended) A composition as claimed in ~~claim 4~~ claim 30, wherein the oxyalkylene group(s) OA is (are) oxyethylene, oxypropylene or mixtures of oxyethylene and oxypropylene groups and p is from 1 to 50.
6. (Cancelled).
7. (Currently Amended) A composition as claimed in ~~claim 4~~ claim 30, wherein the agrochemically active compound comprises one or more plant growth regulators, herbicides, and/or pesticides.
8. (Previously Presented) A composition as claimed in claim 7, wherein the agrochemically active compound comprises at least one water soluble herbicide.
9. (Previously Presented) A composition as claimed in claim 8, wherein the water soluble herbicide comprises at least one phosphonomethyl glycine, phosphinyl amino acid, and/or a bipyridinium compound.
10. (Previously Presented) A compound of the general formula (IIa): $R^1 - (R^2)X^1 - [Link^1] - R^3$ where
 R^1 is polyhydroxy hydrocarbyl;
 R^2 is H, hydrocarbyl, hydroxyalkyl or alkoxyalkyl, or is a group as defined for R^1 ;

R^3 is C_6 - C_{30} hydrocarbyl;

X^1 is N; $N^+ \rightarrow O^-$; N^+R^{4-} where R^{4-} is C_1 to C_6 hydrocarbyl carrying an anionic substituent; or $N^+R^5An^-$ where R^5 is a C_1 to C_{22} hydrocarbyl group, a C_2 to C_6 hydroxy alkyl group or a C_1 to C_6 alkoxy- C_1 to C_6 alkyl group and An^- is a charge balancing anion;

and $Link^1$ is a linking group of one of the formulae:



where

OA is an oxyalkylene residue;

p is from 1 to 100;

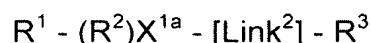
R^6 is H; C_2 to C_8 hydrocarbyl; or a group $R^1 - (R^2)X^1 - CH_2 - CHOH - CH_2$.

where R^1 , R^2 and X^1 are as defined above; and

R^7 is H; C_1 to C_8 hydrocarbyl; or

a group $R^1 - (R^2)X^1 - CH_2 - CHOH - CH_2 - (OA)_p^-$ where R^1 , R^2 , X^1 , OA and p are as defined above.

11. (Previously Presented) A compound of the general formula (IIb):



where

R^1 is polyhydroxy hydrocarbyl;

R^2 is H, hydrocarbyl, hydroxyalkyl or alkoxyalkyl, or is a group as defined for R^1 ;

R^3 is hydrocarbyl;

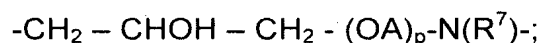
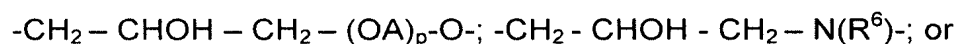
X^{1a} is $N^+ \rightarrow O^-$, N^+R^{4-} or $N^+R^5An^-$ where:

R^{4-} is C_1 to C_6 hydrocarbyl carrying an anionic substituent,

R^5 is a C_1 to C_{22} hydrocarbyl group, a C_2 to C_6 hydroxy alkyl group or a C_1 to C_6 alkoxy- C_1 to C_6 alkyl group; and

An^- is a charge balancing anion;

and $Link^2$ is a linking group of one of the formulae: $-CH_2 - CHOH - CH_2 - O^-$;



where

OA is an oxyalkylene residue;

p is from 1 to 100;

R⁶ is H; C₂ to C₈ hydrocarbyl; or a group R¹ – (R²)X¹ – CH₂ – CHOH – CH₂–

where R¹, R² are as defined above; and

R⁷ is H; C₁ to C₈ hydrocarbyl; or

a group R¹ – (R²)X¹ – CH₂ – CHOH – CH₂ – (OA)_p– where R¹, R², OA
and p are as defined above; and

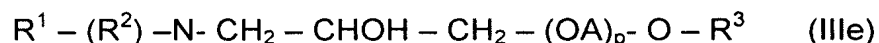
where X¹ is N; N⁺→O⁻; N⁺R⁴⁻ where R⁴⁻ is C₁ to C₆ hydrocarbyl carrying an
anionic substituent; or N⁺R⁵An⁻ where R⁵ is a C₁ to C₂₀ hydrocarbyl
and An⁻ is a charge balancing anion.

12. (Currently Amended) A method of treating vegetation by applying to plants
and/or soil a composition as claimed in ~~claim 4~~ claim 30.

13. (Currently Amended) A method of killing or inhibiting vegetation comprising
applying the agrochemical composition of ~~claim 4~~ claim 30, wherein said
agrochemically active compound comprises at least one growth regulator and/or
herbicides.

14. (Currently Amended) A method of killing plant pests comprising applying the
agrochemical composition of ~~claim 4~~ claim 30, wherein said agrochemically active
compound comprises at least one pesticide.

15. (Previously Presented) A compound of the formula (IIIe):



where

R¹ is polyhydroxy hydrocarbyl;

R² is H, hydrocarbyl, hydroxyalkyl or alkoxyalkyl, or is a group as defined
for R¹;

OA is an oxyalkylene residue;

p is from 1 to 100; and

R³ is C₆ to C₃₀ hydrocarbyl.

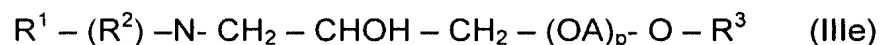
16. (Previously Presented) The compound of claim 15 wherein:

R¹ is a polyhydroxy alkyl group having a linear C₄ to C₇ chain and at least
three hydroxyl groups directly bonded to chain carbon atoms; or

R^2 is an alkyl, hydroxyalkyl or alkoxyalkyl group, and R^3 is a C_{10} to C_{30} alkyl, alkenyl, alkaryl, aryl or aralkyl group; or
 OA is(are) oxyethylene, oxypropylene or mixtures of oxyethylene and oxypropylene groups; or
 p is from 1 to 50.

17. (Currently Amended) The Compound compound of claim 16 wherein R^1 is a group of the formula: $-CH_2 - (CHOH)_4 - CH_2OH$.

18. (Previously Presented) An agrochemical composition which includes an agrochemically active compound and a compound of the formula (IIIe):



where

R^1 is polyhydroxy hydrocarbyl;
 R^2 is H, hydrocarbyl, hydroxyalkyl or alkoxyalkyl, or is a group as defined for R^1 ;
 OA is an oxyalkylene residue;
 p is from 1 to 100; and
 R^3 is C_6 to C_{30} hydrocarbyl.

19. (Previously Presented) The agrochemical composition of claim 18 wherein:
 R^1 is a polyhydroxy alkyl group having a linear C_4 to C_7 chain and at least three hydroxyl groups directly bonded to chain carbon atoms; or
 R^2 is an alkyl, hydroxyalkyl or alkoxyalkyl group, and R^3 is a C_{10} to C_{30} alkyl, alkenyl, alkaryl, aryl or aralkyl group; or
 OA is(are) oxyethylene, oxypropylene or mixtures of oxyethylene and oxypropylene groups; or
 p is from 1 to 50.

20. (Previously Presented) The agrochemical composition of claim 19 wherein R^1 is a group of the formula: $-CH_2 - (CHOH)_4 - CH_2OH$.

21. (Previously Presented) The agrochemical composition of claim 18 wherein the agrochemically active compound is one or more plant growth regulators, herbicides, and/or pesticides.

22. (Previously Presented) The agrochemical composition of claim 21 wherein the agrochemically active compound is or includes at least one water soluble herbicide.
23. (Previously Presented) The agrochemical composition of claim 22 wherein the water soluble herbicide comprises at least one phosphonomethyl glycine, phosphinyl amino acid, and/or bipyridinium compound.
24. (Previously Presented) A method of treating vegetation by applying to plants and/or soil the agrochemical composition of claim 18.
25. (Previously Presented) The agrochemical composition of claim 18 wherein said agrochemically active compound includes one or more growth regulators and/or herbicides.
26. (Previously Presented) A method of killing or inhibiting vegetation by applying the agrochemical composition of claim 25.
27. (Previously Presented) The agrochemical composition of claim 18 wherein said agrochemically active compound includes at least one pesticide selected from insecticides, fungicides, acaricides, nematocides, miticides, rodenticides, bactericides, molluscicides or bird repellants.
28. (Previously Presented) A method of killing plant pests by applying the agrochemical composition of claim 27 to a plant.
29. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 9 wherein said herbicide is selected from Glyphosate, Sulfosate, Glufosinate or Paraquat.
30. (New) An agrochemical composition which includes an agrochemically active compound and a compound of the formula (I):



where

R¹ is polyhydroxy hydrocarbyl;

R² is H, or hydrocarbyl, hydroxyalkyl or alkoxyalkyl, or is a group as defined for R¹;

X^1 is N; $N^+ \rightarrow O^-$; N^+R^{4-} where R^{4-} is C_1 to C_6 hydrocarbyl carrying an anionic substituent; or $N^+R^5An^-$ where R^5 is a C_1 to C_{22} hydrocarbyl group, a C_2 to C_6 hydroxy alkyl group or a C_1 to C_6 alkoxy- C_1 to C_6 -alkyl group and An^- is a charge balancing anion;

Link is a linking group of the formula: $-CH_2 - CHOH - X^2-$

where X^2 is

a direct bond; $-CH_2 - O-$; $-CH_2 - N(R^6)-$; $-CH_2 - (OA)_p - O-$; or $CH_2 - (OA)_p - N(R^7)$;

where

OA is an oxyalkylene residue;

p is from 1 to 100;

R^6 is H; C_2 to C_8 hydrocarbyl; or

a group $R^1 - (R^2)X^1 - CH_2 - CHOH - CH_2$ where R^1 , R^2 and X^1 are as defined above; and

R^7 is H; C_1 to C_8 hydrocarbyl;

or a group $R^1 - (R^2)X^1 - CH_2 - CHOH - CH_2 - (OA)_p$ where R^1 , R^2 , X^1 , OA and p are as defined above; and

R^3 is C_6 - C_{30} hydrocarbyl,

wherein Link is a group of one of the formulae: $-CH_2 - CHOH - CH_2 - O-$; $-CH_2 - CHOH - CH_2 - (OA)_p - O-$; $-CH_2 - CHOH - CH_2 - N(R^6)-$; or $-CH_2 - CHOH - CH_2 - (OA)_p - N(R^7)-$.